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The home of Farmer Al. Falfa is over-run with mice. So bold are the little rodents that they steal a large egg out of the ice box and use it for a football. When the quarter-back tries to kick a field goal, the egg lands smash upon the head of Farmer Al, who is dozing in a chair nearby. This too much for the Farmer and he chases the mice with a fly-swatter. While a horde of mice attract Al's attention, a score of rodents carry food out of the refrigerator. Then, four strong mice carry away the ice box. Al decides that he must have a Cat and goes out after one. He finds Fanny, sister to the famous Henry Cat and drags her into the house. Al tells Fanny what he expects her to do and goes upstairs to sleep. This evening, the Cats Club parades to the Al Falfa home to serenade the fair Fanny. The meows awaken Al and throws old shoes at the singers. This quiets them for only a moment, so he jumps out of bed again and comes downstairs to chase them away. To his dismay, Al finds Fanny Cat dancing upon a table, right in time to the meow music of the quartette. Thoroughly disgusted, Al tells Fanny to leave. Upon her refusal, he takes her by the nape of the neck and throws her out of the door. But she comes back through the mail drop. Infuriated, Al picks her up and carries her to the well. With a vigorous throw, Al sends Fanny to the water depths. Then, he goes back to bed. Meanwhile Fanny returns to the room downstairs via the water faucet. Al then dreams that a giant cat, robed as a member of the Kat's Luck Klan is at his bedside. "You Killed a Cat", shrieks the intruder. Al is terrified and hides under the bed clothes. But the Klan Cat is not daunted. He takes Al by the nape of the neck and carries him to the very same well, down which he threw Fanny. He hits the water, splash, and swims about helplessly. He soon finds himself surrounded by a crowd of Klan cats who point accusing hands at him. Then, he floats into a stock and a heavy timber comes down upon his head, pinioning him. This awakens Al and he finds his head caught between two rungs of the brass bed. Downstairs, Al hears a terrible noise. Descending, he finds the room crowded with cats and mice dancing with mad abandon. Realizing he cannot cope with the situation, he optimistically decides that he will have to make the best of things. Thus bringing home the moral: "What Can't Be Cured Must Be Endured".

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